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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-33 and 35-41 are pending. Claims 34 and 42-120 are cancelled.

The rejections of claims 1-33 and 35-120 were affirmed and the rejection of claim 34 was reversed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, in a decision dated December 30, 2009.

Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable limitation of claim 34 and therefore it is now allowable.

Dependent claims 2-33 and 35-41 are dependent from allowable independent claim 1, and therefore include all the limitations of the allowable claim 1 and additional limitations therein. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable over the cited references, as being dependent from the allowable independent claim 1, and for the additional limitations they include therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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